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- In gentle verse the witty told their flame,
And grac'd their choicest songs with Emma's name. *Prior.*
3. Sarcastick; full of taunts.
Honeycomb, who was so unmercifully witty upon the women, has given the ladies ample satisfaction by marrying a farmer's daughter. *Addison's Spectator.*
- WITWAL. *n. f.* A bird. *Answer.*
- TO WIVE. *v. n.* [from *wife*.] To marry; to take a wife.
Were she as rough
As are the swelling Adriatick seas,
I come to wive it wealthily in Padua, *Shakespeare.*
The ancient saying is no heresy,
Hanging and wiving goes by destiny. *Shakespeare.*
A shop of all qualities that man loves woman for; besides
that hook of *wiving*, fairness, which strikes the eye. *Shakespeare.*
Design or chance makes others wive,
But nature did this match contrive. *Waller.*
- TO WIFE. *v. a.*
1. To match to a wife.
She dying gave it me;
And bid me, when my fate would have me wive'd,
To give it her. *Shakespeare's Othello.*
2. To take for a wife.
If he have the condition of a faint, and the complexion of
a devil, I had rather he should thrive me than wive me. *Shakespeare.*
- WIVELY. *adv.* [from *wive*.] Belonging to a wife.
Basilus could not abstain from praising Parthenia, as the
perfect picture of a womanly virtue, and wively faithfulness. *Sid.*
- WIVES. *n. f.* The plural of wife.
A man of his learning should not so lightly have been carried
away with old wives tales, from approbation of his own reason.
WIZARD. *n. f.* [from *wife*.] A conjurer; an enchanter; a
he-witch. It had probably at first a laudable meaning.
Patience, good lady; wizards know their times. *Shakespeare.*
He hearkens after prophecies and dreams,
And from the cross-row plucks the letter G;
And says, a wizard told him that by G
His issue disinherited should be. *Shakespeare, Richard III.*
That damn'd wizard, hid in fly disguise,
For so by certain signs I knew, had met
Already, ere my best speed could prevent
The idle's innocent lady his wife's prey. *Milton.*
The prophecies of wizards old
Increase'd her terror, and her fall foretold. *Waller.*
The wily wizard must be caught,
For, unconstrain'd, he nothing tells for nought. *Dryden.*
- WO. *n. f.* [from *wife*.] Sorrow; misery; calamity.
1. Grief; sorrow; misery; calamity.
The king is mad; how stiff is my vile sense,
That I stand up and have ingenious feeling
Of my huge sorrows! better I were distract;
So should my thoughts be fever'd from my griefs;
And woes by wrong imaginations, lose
The knowledge of themselves. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*
So many miseries have craz'd my voice,
That my woe weary'd tongue is still. *Shakespeare.*
Her rash hand in evil hour,
Forth reaching to the fruit, Eve pluck'd, the eat;
Earth felt the wound; and nature from her seat
Sighing through all her works, gave signs of woe
That all was lost. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
2. It is often used in denunciations, *wo be*; or in exclamations
of sorrow *wo is*; anciently *wo worth*; *pa puppy*, Saxon.
All is but lip wisdom which wants experience: I now, *wo*
is me, do try what love can do. *Sidney.*
- Wo* is my heart;
That poor soldier, that so richly fought,
Whose rags sham'd gilded arms; whose naked breast
Stept before shields of proof, cannot be found. *Shakespeare.*
Many of our princes, *woe* the while!
Lie down'd and soak'd in mercenary blood. *Shakespeare.*
Happy are they which have been my friends; and *woe* to my
lord chief-justice. *Shakespeare's Henry IV.*
Howl ye, *wo* worth the day. *Ezek. xxx. 2.*
If God be such a being as I have described, *wo* to the world
if it were without him: this would be a thousand times greater
loss to mankind than the extinguishing of the sun. *Tillotson.*
Woe to the vanquish'd, *woe*!
3. A denunciation of calamity; a curse.
Can there be a *wo* or curse in all the flocks of vengeance
equal to the malignity of such a practice; of which one single
instance could involve all mankind in one universal confusion.
South's Sermons.
4. *Wo* seems in phrases of denunciation or imprecation to be a
substantive, and in exclamation an adjective, as particularly in
the following lines.
Woe are we, sit! you may not live to wear
All your true followers out. *Shak. Antony and Cleopatra.*

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5. *Wo* is used by *Shakespeare* for a stop or cessation; from the
particle *wo* pronounced by carters to their horses when they
would have them stop.
- Love's a mighty lord;
And hath so humbled me, as, I confess,
There is no *wo* to his correction. *Shakespeare.*
- WOAD. *n. f.* [from *wo*, Saxon.] A plant.
The flower consists of four leaves, which are disposed in
form of a cross; out of whose flower cup rises the point, a
flat at the edge, gaping two ways, having but one cell, in
which is contained for the most part one oblong seed; is
cultivated in England for the use of dyers, who use it for lay-
ing the foundation of many colours. *Miller.*
- In times of old, when British nymphs were known
To love no foreign fashions like their own;
When drefs was monstrous, and fig-leaves the mode,
And quality put on no paint but woad. *Garth.*
- WOEGONE. *n. f.* [from *wo* and *gone*.] A loss; a detriment.
1. Lost in *wo*; distracted
in *wo*; overwhelmed with sorrow.
Such a man, all to woe, all to
do, so dull, so dead in look, so woe-begone,
Drew Priam's curtain in the dead of night,
And wuld have told him half his Troy was burn'd;
But Priam found the fire, ere he his tongue.
Tancred he saw his life's joy set at naught,
So woe-begone was he with pains of love. *Fairfax.*
- WOFT. The obsolete participle passive from *TO WATT*.
A braver choice of dauntless spirits
Than now the English bottoms have woft,
Did never float upon the swelling tide. *Shakespeare.*
- WOFUL. *adj.* [from *wo* and *full*.]
1. Sorrowful; afflicted; mourning.
The woful Gynecia, to whom rest was no ease, had left her
loathed lodgings, and gotten herself into the solitary places those
delarts were full of. *Sidney.*
How many woful widows left to bow
To sad disgrace! *Daniel's Civil War.*
In a tow'r, and never to be loos'd,
The woful captive kinsmen are inclos'd. *Dryden.*
2. Calamitous; afflictive.
3. Wretched; paltzy; sorry.
What woful stuff this madrigal would be,
In some starry hackney-fornet, or me?
But let a lord once own the happy lines,
How the wit brightens! how the style refines! *Pope.*
- WO'FULLY. *adv.* [from *woful*.]
1. Sorrowfully; mournfully.
2. Wretchedly; in a sense of contempt.
He who would pass such a judgment upon his condition, as
shall be confirmed at that great tribunal, from which there
lies no appeal, will find himself wofully deceived, if he judges
of his spiritual estate by any of these measures. *South.*
- WOLD. *n. f.* *Wold*, whether singly or jointly, in the names of
places, signifies a plain open country; from the Saxon *wold*,
a plain and a place without wood. *Gibson's Camden.*
Wold and *wald* with the Saxons signified a ruler or govern-
ment; from whence *herwald* is a famous governor of *Northumbria*,
a noble governor: *herwald*, and by inversion *walders*, a ge-
neral of an army. *Gibson's Camden.*
- WO'LF. [from *wo*, Saxon; *wolf*, Dutch.]
1. A kind of wild dog that devours sheep.
Advance our waving colours on the walls,
Refr'd is Orleans from the English wolves. *Shakespeare.*
No, rather I abjure all roofs, and chuse
To be a comrade with the wolf and owl,
Necessity's sharp pinch. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*
If wolves had at thy gate howl'd that stern time,
Thou shouldst have said, go, porter, turn the key,
All cruels else subscribe'd. *Shakespeare, King Lear.*
2. An eating ulcer.
How dangerous it is in sensible things to use metaphorical ex-
pressions; and what absurd conceits the vulgar will swallow in
the literals, an example we have in our profession, who having
called an eating ulcer by the name of *wolf*, common apprehen-
sion conceives a reality therein. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
- WO'LFDOG. *n. f.* [from *wolf* and *dog*.]
1. A dog of a very large breed kept to guard sheep.
The lunkle's prey, how teach'rous tumblers gain,
And dauntless *wolf-dogs* shake the lion's mane. *Tieckell.*
2. A dog bred between a dog and wolf.
WO'LFISH. *adj.* [from *wolf*.] Resembling a wolf in qualities
or form.
Thy desires
Are wofish, bloody, flay'd, and ravenous. *Shakespeare.*
I have another daughter;
Who, I am sure, is kind and comfortable;
When she shall hear this of thee, with her nails
Shall flea thy wofish visage. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*
Nothing more common than those wofish back-friends in
all our pretensions. *Leitch.*

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- A pretence of kindness is the universal state to all base pro-
jects: all wofish designs walk under sheeps cloathing. *Gov. Ten.*
- WOLFBAKE. *n. f.* [from *wolf* and *bake*.] A poisonous plant; aconite.
It hath circumscribed roundish divided leaves; the flower
consists of four leaves, shaped like a monkey's hood: each of
these flowers are succeeded by three or more pods which con-
tain several rough seeds: the most part of these species are dead-
ly poison. *Miller.*
Wolfbane is an early flower. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- WO'LSMILK. *n. f.* An herb. *Answer.*
- WO'LVISH. *adj.* [from *wolves*, of *wolf*; *wolfish* is more proper.]
Resembling a wolf.
Why in this wofish gown do I stand here,
To beg of Hob and Dick. *Shaksp. Coriolanus.*
My people are grown half wild, they would not worry one
another in to that wofish belline manner else. *Hawel.*
There is a base wofish principle within that is gratified with
another's misery. *South's Sermons.*
- WOMAN. [from *woman*, Saxon; whence we yet pro-
nounce *women* in the plural, *women*, *Skinner*.]
1. The female of the human race.
That man who hath a tongue is no man,
If with his tongue he cannot win a woman. *Shakespeare.*
Thou dotard, thou art wofish-tir'd, unrooted
By thy dame Parlet here. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*
Women are soft, mild, pitiful and flexible;
Thou stern, obdurate, flinty, rough, remorseless. *Shakespeare.*
And Abimelech took men-servants and women servants. *Gen.*
O woman, lovely woman, nature form'd thee
To temper man: we had been brutes without thee. *Ottway.*
Census a woman once and once a man;
But ending in the sex she first began. *Dryden's Æn.*
Women are made as they themselves would choose,
Too proud to ask, too humble to refuse. *Garth.*
Women in their nature are much more gay and joyous than
men; whether it be that their blood is more refined, their
senses more delicate, and their animal spirits more light; vi-
vacity is the gift of women, gravity that of men. *Addison.*
2. A female attendant on a person of rank.
I could not personally deliver to her
What you commanded me; but by her woman
I sent your message. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*
- TO WOMAN. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To make pliant like a
woman.
I've felt such quirks of joy and grief,
That the first face of neither on the start
Can woman me unto. *Shakespeare.*
- WOMANED. *adj.* [from *woman*.] Accompanied; united with
a woman.
I do attend here on the general,
And think it no addition, nor my wish,
To have him see me woman'd. *Shakespeare's Othello.*
- WOMANHA'TER. *n. f.* [from *woman* and *bater*.] One that has an
aversion from the female sex.
How could it come into your mind,
To pitch on me of all mankind,
Against the sex to write a satire;
And brand me for a woman-bater. *Swift.*
- WOMANHOOD. *n. f.* [from *woman*.] The character and col-
our. *WOMANHOOD*. } lective qualities of a woman. Obsolete.
- Ne in her speech, ne in her haviour,
Was lightness seen, or looser vanity,
But gracious womanhood and gravity. *Fairy Queen.*
There dwells sweet love and constant chastity,
Unspotted faith, and comely womanhood,
Regard of honour, and mild modesty. *Spenser.*
'Tis present death I beg; and one thing more,
That womanhood denies my tongue to tell:
O keep me from their worse than killing lust. *Shakespeare.*
When my grave is broke up again,
Some second guest to entertain;
For graves have learn'd that womanhood
To be to more than one a bed. *Donne.*
- WOMANISH. *adj.* [from *woman*.] Suitable to a woman.
Neither doubt you, because I wear a woman's apparel, I
will be the more womanish; since I assure you there is nothing
I desire more than fully to prove myself a man. *Sidney.*
Zelmane making a womanish habit to be the armour of her
boldness, giving up her life to the lips of Philoclea, humbly be-
sought her to keep her speech a while within the paradise of
her mind. *Sidney.*
A voice not soft, weak, piping, and womanish, but audible,
strong, and manlike. *Ascham.*
She then to him these womanish words 'gan say,
For love of me, leave off. *Fairy Queen.*
Our fathers minds are dead,
And we are govern'd with our mothers spirits;
Our yoke and suff'rance shew us womanish. *Shakespeare.*
I do not think he fears death. *Shakespeare.*
He never was so womanish.
During his banishment, he was so softened and dejected,
as he wrote nothing but a few womanish epistles. *Bacon.*
In a sad look or womanish complaint. *Denham.*

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- I melt to womanish tears, and if I stay,
I find my love my courage will betray. *Dryden.*
- The godlike hero, in his breast
Disdain'd, or was atham'd to show
So weak, so womanish a woe. *Dryden.*
- TO WOMANISE. *v. a.* [from *woman*.] To emaculate; to
effeminate; to soften. Proper, but not used.
This effeminate love of a woman doth womanize a man. *Sid.*
- WOMANKIND. *n. f.* [from *woman* and *kind*.] The female sex; the
race of women.
Mufidorus had over bitterly glanced against the reputation
of womankind. *Sidney.*
So easily is appeas'd the stormy wind
Of malice, in the calm of pleasant womankind. *Fairy Queen.*
Because thou dost it on womankind, admiring
Their shape, their colour, and attractive grace,
None are, thou think'st, but taken with such toys. *Milton.*
Each inconvenience makes their virtue cold;
But womankind in ill is ever bold. *Dryden's Furens.*
Juba might make the proudest of our sex,
Any of womankind, but Marcia, happy. *Addison's Cat.*
She advanc'd, that womankind
Would by her model form their mind. *Swift.*
- WOMANLY. *adj.* [from *woman*.]
1. Becoming a woman; suiting a woman; feminine; not mas-
culine.
I'm in this earthly world, where to do harm
Is often laudable; to do good sometime
Accounted dangerous folly: why then, alas!
Do I put up that womanly defence,
To say I'd done no harm. *Shakespeare.*
She brings your froward wives
As prisoners, to her womanly persuasion. *Shakespeare.*
All will spy in thy face
A blushing womanly discovering grace. *Donne.*
Rage chokes my words; 'tis womanly to weep. *Dryden.*
Let him be taught to put off all those tender airs, affected
smiles, and all the enchanting womanly behaviour that has made
him the object of his own admiration. *Arbutnot and Pope.*
2. Not childish; not girlish.
Young persons, under a womanly age, are often troubled
with some of the same symptoms. *Arbutnot on Diet.*
- WOMANLY. *adv.* [from *woman*.] In the manner of a woman;
effeminately.
- WOMB. *n. f.* [from *wamba*, Goth. *pamb*, Sax. *wamb*, Islandick.]
1. The place of the fetus in the mother.
When yet he was but tender bodied, and the only son of
my womb. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*
New-born children bring not many ideas into the world, ha-
ving some faint ideas of hunger and thirst which they may have
felt in the womb. *Locke.*
Conceiving, as she slept, her fruitful womb
Swell'd with the founder of immortal Rome. *Addison.*
2. The place whence any thing is produced.
The earth was form'd, but in the womb as yet
Of waters, embryo immature involv'd,
Appear'd not. *Milton.*
The womb of earth the genial seed receives. *Dryden.*
- TO WOMB. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To inclose; to breed in
secret.
Not for all the fun fees, or
The close earth womb, will I break my oath
To this my fair belov'd. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*
- WOMBY. *adj.* [from *womb*.] Capacious.
He'll call you to fo hot an answer for it,
That caves and womby vaultages of France
Shall chide your trespass, and return your mock,
In second accent to his ordnance. *Shakespeare's Henry V.*
- WOMEN. Plural of woman.
Thus it shall befall
Him who to worth in women over-trusts. *Milton.*
- WON. The preterite and participle passive of *win*.
All these the Parthian,
From the luxurious kings of Antioch won. *Milton.*
Against myself I victorious have won,
And by my fatal absence am undone. *Dryden.*
My mother is won over to my side, but dares not mention
me to my father, for fear of provoking him. *Addison's Spectator.*
- TO WON. *v. n.* [from *won*, Saxon; *wonens*, German.] To dwell;
to live; to have abode. Not in use.
Him fortun'd
To come where vile Arcadia does wonn. *Fairy Queen.*
Out of the ground uprose
As from his lair, the wild beast where he wons
In forest wild. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
A people near the northern pole that won;
Whom Ireland sent from loughs and forests hore. *Fairif.*
- WON. *n. f.* [from the verb.] Dwelling; habitation. Obsolete.
What secret place, quoth he, can safely hold
So huge a mass, and hid from heaven's eye;
Or where hast thou thy won, that fo much gold
Thou can't preserve from wrong and robbery. *Fairy Queen.*